

Advice for Master Hunter Applicants Preparing to Test

Congratulations on your decision to become a Master Hunter. You will be joining a group of highly qualified and ethical hunters whose purpose is to preserve the heritage of hunting while assisting with reducing wildlife damage, maintaining wildlife habitat, and preserving hunting opportunities.

The examination is difficult. Here are some tips to help you prepare:

- ✓ First, recognize that the test is intended to be challenging. Only about one fourth pass on their first attempt. **Study of the course materials is not optional.** Simply stated, you will not pass without significant study. Depending on your study habits, you should devote a minimum of twenty hours.
- ✓ Study all of the materials. The exam is all-inclusive. Study materials include:
 - Books on hunter ethics.
 - Data about habitat trends and biological facts.
 - Data on hunting trends in Washington and the United States.
 - Information covered in Washington's Basic Hunter Education program.
 - Information in Washington's hunting regulation pamphlets (Big Game, Waterfowl, Turkey).
- ✓ Take the online Basic Hunter Education examinations: <http://www.hunter-ed.com/wa/>. You may take the test as many times as you wish. Repeatedly scoring 90 percent or above would indicate that you may be familiar enough with the basic material to focus on the more advanced studies. Knowledge of the basic hunter education materials is essential to pass the master hunter exam.
- ✓ ***A great way to motivate yourself to study is to schedule your examination date.*** Many applicants wait until they've completed their studies, only to find the next available exam may be several weeks away, during which time they stop studying the material and lose their "edge." Intensive study with an approaching test date may be a better tactic. Once you start studying, stick with it. "Start and stop" study is not as effective.
- ✓ Arrive at your test location early, prepared, and make sure you are well-rested and alert.
- ✓ Remember ***"time management."*** You have 70 minutes to complete the test, which includes 100 questions. If you encounter a question that is too difficult to answer quickly, leave it and come back later. Answer as many questions as possible. Unanswered questions are "incorrect."
- ✓ For multiple choice questions, try to quickly eliminate obviously incorrect answers. This may allow you to focus on just a couple of answers more likely to be correct.
- ✓ Again, answer all of the questions. A passing score is at least 80 correct answers.

What happens if you do not pass?

You may retest once after waiting 30 days. Continue your studies and plan to retest. In past years, the majority of applicants did not pass the first time. It is our hope that by providing these tips, you will be encouraged to prepare yourself by studying materials thoroughly and effectively.

Thanks for your interest in the Master Hunter Program!